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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 29, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 21-A, Upper Sheepscot River and Tributaries (Wiscasset, Alna, Newcastle): This notice reclassifies Deer Meadow Brook from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer meeting the approved standard. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Dyer River (Newcastle): east and north of the South Dyer Neck Road.
2. Sherman Lake (Newcastle): south of Route 1.

B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:

1. Upper Sheepscot River: north of the railroad bridge running from the Wiscasset shore to the Edgecomb shore; AND west of a line starting at the southwest tip of Chases Point (Newcastle) and running southwest to a red painted post on the mainland shore east of an un-named island; AND west of the South Dyer Neck Road. ~~This area is classified as "Restricted," and requires a special MDMR permit.~~
2. Deer Meadow Brook (Newcastle): south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northeast tip of Cunningham Island running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of Route 1. This area is classified as "Restricted," and requires a special MDMR permit.

~~C. Effective immediately, because of intermittent seasonal pollution, the shores, flats and waters north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 600 yards northeast of the Wiscasset wastewater treatment plant, then running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore by the railroad trestle, have been classified as "Conditionally Approved", and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from June 1 to August 31.~~

C. Effective immediately, because of intermittent seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area; north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 600 yards northeast of the Wiscasset wastewater treatment plant, then running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore by the railroad trestle. This area is closed from June 1 to August 31.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to

Lincolnton/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm . This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Alison Sirois
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

10:49AM

(Effective Time)

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Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 21-A

Upper Sheepscot River and Tributaries (Wiscasset, Alna, Newcastle)

